

IS COURT-MARTIAL  
TO FOLLOW TALK

Navy Surgeon's Criticism  
of Brownson Said to Be  
Violation of Rules.

"Is Surgeon General Rixey liable to court-martial for the statement given to the press by him last night, attacking another bureau of the Navy Department?"

This has been more or less a mooted question today, but it is evident, and it is believed, that it is not, for the good reason that his statement was sanctioned either by the White House or the Secretary of the Navy, or possibly both.

Line Officers With Brownson. The apparent sanctioning of the statement of Surgeon General Rixey is regarded as manifestly unfair by line officers of the navy and others, who stand behind Admiral Brownson in his decisive action for a principle.

There is in the President's hands a statement prepared by Admiral Brownson and given to the President with his resignation. This statement outlines the principle for which he resigned, his stand in the matter and quotes the law in the case. To withhold this while making exposition of his resignation, and an unwise policy. He set forth, it is said, explicit provisions of law and of the regulations providing that none but an officer of the line of the navy was to command any vessel.

Line officers in most instances are quite disturbed about it. Commander Cameron McR. Winslow was in charge of the Bureau of Navigation this morning. Admiral Brownson, after cleaning out his desk yesterday, quit entirely. It is not expected that he will again go to the department.

Brownson Wrong  
In Relief Matter,  
Says Dr. Rixey

Surgeon General Rixey, of the Navy, in a prepared statement given out last night sets forth in terse language the views held by himself and the President, with regard to the controversy over the command of a naval hospital ship, which caused Admiral Brownson to resign, when overruled. It is as follows:

"Admiral Brownson and I have been friends for many years, and when on duty in Washington as naval attending surgeon I was under his command. His resignation as chief of the Bureau of Navigation has been assigned to various causes, and the recommendation was of opinion as to the command of the hospital ship Relief. While I do not know that this is a cause, it may be interesting to the present status of this question.

Doctors as Commanders. "Hospital ships, as a rule, always have been commanded by medical officers with a sailing master and civilian crew for purposes of navigation.

"The Relief, formerly belonging to the United States army, was always commanded by a medical officer when used as a hospital ship.

"A joint board of army and navy medical officers, convened by Executive order more than a year ago, to attempt to unify the medical service as much as possible, recommended that hospital ships should be commanded by medical officers, and the recommendation was approved by both the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy in general orders.

Have Rank, But Not Titles. "Naval medical officers have had positive rank for some years, given them by act of Congress, but as the use of titles which indicate rank, has been denied them, it is not generally known. They also have the right to command in their own corps, and all those who are entrusted to their care, whether on the sick list, in the hospitals, or on hospital ships.

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"A medical officer in command, with a civilian sailing master and crew for the navigation of the ship, has been proven over and over again the proper personnel for this type of ship.

"The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery is directly responsible for the welfare of the health of the navy, and every friend and relative looks to it for the care of the sick and wounded. This work should have the sympathy and active support of everyone.

Too Much Interference. "This internal administration of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has been, in my opinion, too much interfered with by the Bureau of Navigation. This interference has at times, caused me grave concern as to how I could meet the needs of those under our care.

"At present the hospital ship Relief would be in commission, and after having done good service with the fleet before starting would have accompanied it on the cruise south. The Bureau of Navigation thought otherwise, and the fleet of 15,000 men, with his 300 officers, is without a hospital ship, and will be until it arrives at Magdalena Bay, more than three months from now.

EXEMPER'S NOTES  
FOUND IN MEXICO

Dr. Belton Hunting Other  
Papers Zebuieon M. Pike  
Carried Up the Arkansas.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Now that Dr. Herbert E. Belton has found eight of the twenty-one documents taken by Spanish soldiers in 1806 from Lieut. Zebuieon M. Pike, the doctor is searching Mexico with a fine-tooth comb for the other three.

Pike was making his famous trip up the Arkansas river at the time he fell in with the Spanish soldiers, on a visit to the Osage and Comanche Indians. The documents related to his mission, and their recovery has long been desired inasmuch as it was known they threw important light on historical events of the early part of the last century. The eighteen papers Dr. Belton found were filed in the archives here and would readily have been turned over by the Mexican government to the United States had their existence been suspected.

Dr. Belton is working under the Carnegie Institution's auspices. Secretary of State Root has telegraphed his congratulations to him from Washington.

GOVERNMENT GOLD  
FOR OKLAHOMA

New State Asks for \$500,000 of \$5,000,000 School Fund.

The treasury of the new State of Oklahoma will soon have a big bunch of the Government's gold. Her government made a requisition today upon the Treasury Department for \$500,000 of the total bonus of \$5,000,000 appropriated by Congress for common school purposes in that State.

The State has been after the money for three weeks, but because the general assembly had not complied with the provisions of the enabling act, which required the designation of a proper official to have charge of the school fund, her Senators were informed that the amount could not be paid over.

THE REAL TEST. The brigands threatened to pull the teeth of their prisoner. "Go ahead," he told them calmly; "but I won't know whether you are real brigands or not until you present the bill." Philadelphia Ledger.

HOUSE BUYS A PALACE;  
WANTS QUIET RETREAT

FLORENCE, Dec. 25.—Eleanora Duse has bought the celebrated Capponi palace for 600,000 francs. In the monumental pile, once the abode of one of the proudest noble families of Italy, she intends "to spend the evening of her life."

So Venice, the city of her birth, will see her only occasionally in future. There she likewise owns an ancient palace, facing the grand canal, but the climate not suiting her, she seldom lives there, and the old house is gradually falling into ruins.

Escaped Assailant Held For Extradition Papers. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Patrick Brown, of 91 Central avenue, Jersey City, was sent to the Tombs today to await extradition papers from the governor of New Jersey. He was arrested at the request of the Jersey City authorities, who allege he struck James Reuben over the head with an ax last night. Reuben is now in the hospital dying of his injuries.

Begs for Death;  
Lockjaw Victim,  
Expert Asks Drug

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Believing the attack of lockjaw, from which he is suffering, will prove fatal, Dr. Joseph Peasden, a scientist, recognized as one of the foremost of his profession in the study of the dread tetanus, is begging his attending physicians, Doctors J. B. Murphy and Frank Weil, to end his life with a drug.

Dr. Peasden was suddenly stricken Christmas Eve, while preparing a Christmas tree for his children. With a pencil and paper he directed his family to send him to the Chicago Baptist Hospital, Dr. Peasden is with Nelson, Morris, & Co., where he has done much as the result of scientific experiments, to utilize the waste of the packing houses. About two weeks ago he sustained a fall in a laboratory and the germs of tetanus infected the wound.

INDIAN RAILWAYS. There are in India about 30,000 miles of road divided among ten large and many small and subsidiary lines. There is considerable double track, the gauge of which varies from five feet six inches on the government and large lines to one meter (3.37 inches) and twenty-four inches on branches and mountain divisions.—Railway Age.

THOMAS OFFUTT DEAD  
AT GEORGETOWN HOME

Thomas W. Offutt, eighty-five years old, and for twenty years a resident of Georgetown, died at 315 M street northwest this morning about 1:30 o'clock. His death was due to old age. Mr. Offutt was born in Montgomery county, Md. He was son of one of the wealthiest and most prominent families in that section of the State. He was educated in the county schools and took up farming immediately after finishing his studies. After twenty or thirty years prosperous farming he retired independently wealthy and came to Georgetown to board with friends.

"PAUPER" WORTH \$80,000. POORHOUSE WILL SUE. WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 25. When the authorities of the Worcester poor farm wrapped up the cloth g. preparatory to burning it, of Per, a civil war veteran, who died in the poorhouse yesterday, they met with the surprise of their lives.

A rustling of paper led to the belief that something had been sewed in the lining and it was ripped open. In the coat and vest and trousers were found uncashed pension checks from the Government amounting to \$1,700.

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BEAUTY HINTS

Wonderfully effective recipe for Complexion Wash and Skin Food. The accompanying recipe comes from a high authority on matters pertaining to the beautifying of the face. The formula originated in France and was brought to this country several years ago and has since been in use by some of the leading beauty doctors and societies of our metropolitan cities. The formula is as follows: Two ounces of Rose Water, one ounce of Spirit of Cologne, four ounces crystallized Borax. Put the Borax into a pint of warm water (not boiling), then add the other two ingredients, and when dissolved and cooled strain through a fine cloth.

Lace Curtains \$1.98 Pr. Worth \$3.50 to \$5.00. A remnant lot of fine quality Nottingham and Cable Net Lace Curtains, representing the two, three, and four of a kind patterns left from regular selling.

Store Hours: Open at 8:30 A. M.; Close at 5:30 P. M. Close Saturdays 9 P. M. Goldenberg's SEVENTH AND K STREETS

Closing Out Neckwear. In our Women's Neckwear Dept. there are many pieces of Neckwear that have been mussed and rumpled from being tossed about by the Christmas buyers. These have all been gathered together for Friday's selling, and choice offered at these little prices:

Clearing Away the Christmas Wreckage

This week's Remnant Sale will be the first we have held for several weeks. We have taken all the small lots and broken assortments of goods left in the wake of the greatest holiday business in our history and marked them at astonishingly low prices for immediate clearance. The greatest bargains of the season result.

Wind-up of Men's Clothing. Suits and Overcoats \$7.25. Worth Up to \$15. We've taken the small lots and few-of-a-kind suits and overcoats left from regular lines, and included them in tomorrow's sale at \$7.25. Choice of garments sold as high as fifteen dollars.

Oddments of Women's Wear. Mussed and Soiled Aprons, short and long styles of Swiss and Lawn. Reduced from 50c to 15c. Small lot of short Flannellette Petticoats, made with ruffles. Reduced 25c to 10c.

Boys' Clothing Dept. Boys' Long Tourist Overcoats, one and a half length, sizes 12 to 14 years of age. Offered Friday. Reduced from \$10.00 to \$5.00.

Sensational Friday Clearance of Women's Suits, Skirts and Coats. Three handsome White Broadcloth Evening Coats, beautifully trimmed with wood silk braid and Paon duchesse. Size 1-24. \$12.98. 4 Imported Broadcloth Suits, very handsomely trimmed with diamond silk braid and velvet.

Juvenile Dept. 12 pairs of children's Canton Flannel Night Drawers, with feet. Sizes up to 10 years. Reduced from 60c to 48c. 8 Small lot of children's Caps, of white silk and bearskin, lined with silk and trimmed with ribbon. Reduced from \$1.50 to 69c.

Girls' Coats. Odd lot of about 30 girls' coats in stripes and plaids, novelties and some plain jerseys; sizes 8, 10, and 14; all neatly made and trimmed with fancy braid and velvet, etc. Prices were \$5, \$5.50, and \$6.75. 5 Girls' coats; tan and mode cloth; all beautifully made; garmets; sizes 10 and 12; sold up to \$10.98. 17 Girls' coats, fancy imported cloths, navy, red, tan, and black; sizes 8, 10 and 12 years; \$6.50 for \$15.00.

GLOVES Way Underprice. Boys' and Misses' Golf Gloves, in various colors. Reduced from 25c pair to 19c. Women's 10-button length Black Kid Gloves, sizes 5 1/2 and 6 1/2. Regular \$1.50 quality for \$1.50.

Maribou Neck Boas. Our entire remaining stock of handsome Maribou Boas has been marked at "sure-to-go" prices. In black and natural color. Women who appreciate the soft charming beauty of these neck fixings and understand just how stylish and desirable they are, will be prompt to take advantage of such big savings: \$3.50 values at \$2.00. \$4.50 values at \$2.75.

Mussed Handkerchiefs. Immediately after Christmas we throw out on bargain tables the vast quantity of Handkerchiefs which are left in the wake of the holiday selling—the mussed, soiled, and rumpled Handkerchiefs that women will be glad to buy for their own personal use at savings of half price and thereabouts.

Remnants of Draperies, Bedwear, Mattings, Floor Coverings. Remnants of plain and figured Silko-lines, Dotted and Figured Curtain Swags, Fish Net Draperies, Denims, Burlap and Cretonnes, in lengths from 1 to 8 yards. Worth \$1.25 each. Friday. 74c. 17 slightly soiled Crochet Spreads, in Marseilles patterns. Large size for double beds. Worth \$1.25 each. Friday. 79c.